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FROM HOLBROOKE FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN INTEREST IN U.S. POLICY

1. IN MEETING WITH INDONESIAN GENERAL MURDANI APRIL 12, LATTER MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN TALKS LAST WEEK WITH PRIME MINISTER HUSSAIN. DURING COURSE MURDANI'S CONVERSATION WITH MALAYSIANS ACCOMPANYING HUSSAIN (HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC) THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DIRECTIONS U.S. POLICIES IN ASIA, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT VIETNAM. MURDANI SUGGESTED

TO ME THAT I SHOULD PERHAPS GO TO KL AND SPEAK DIRECTLY TO MALAYSIANS. I EXPLAINED THIS NOT POSSIBLE ON THIS TRIP, BUT I WOULD SEND MESSAGE TO YOU.

2. WITHOUT MENTIONING MURDANI, SUGGEST AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU EXPLAIN TO GOM THAT MY VISIT THIS TIME WAS IN COORDINATION CODEL WOLFF AND THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE VISIT ALL COUNTRIES IN AREA. I HOPE TO DO SO IN LATER VISIT. DRAWING ON RECENT GUIDANCE AS NECESSARY, YOU MAY STATE THAT CODEL WOLFF VISIT AND THEIR INVITATION TO ME TO ACCOMPANY IS INDICATIVE, NOT ONLY OF NEW RELATIONSHIP CONFIDENTIAL

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BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES, BUT ALSO OF IMPORTANCE BOTH BRANCHES ATTACH TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. YOU MAY FURTHER REASSURE THEM THAT, IN MOVING TOWARD NORMAL RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM, WE HAVE NO INTENTION LESSEN OUR INTEREST IN TRADITIONAL FRIENDS IN AREA AND, WITH VIETNAM ISSUE OUT OF WAY, LOOK FORWARD TO EVEN STRONGER TIES. NEWSOM

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